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Sir:

Attorney for applicant wishes to make of record two search reports germane to an appreciation of the applicants' unique invention, as expressed in the claims of record.

The first search report was prepared by the Australian Patent Office on November 18, 2003, with regard to international application PCT/AU03/01400. Four documents were cited, namely, WO 00/017407, dated March 30, 2000, and three scientific abstracts. The four documents were considered to fall within the purview of Category A, namely documents defining the general state of the art which are not considered to be of particular relevance.

The four documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and a copy of each document is enclosed for ready reference by the Examiner.

The second search report of interest was prepared by the Australian Patent Office on September 4, 2002, with respect to parent Australian application 2002 950494, filed July 31, 2002. The second search report lists eight documents of relevance. Five of the documents were deemed to fall within Category A (general state of the art), while three documents were deemed to fall within category X (particular relevance).

Each document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and a copy of each document is provided for consideration by the Examiner. It is noted that several of the documents developed in the search reports are duplicates (see WO 00/174707, for example), but only a single copy has been provided.

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